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***Raised Bill No. 992***

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING LOWERING PHARMACEUTICAL COSTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than December 31,  
2       2009, the Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
3       Commissioner of Public Health, shall submit a report, in accordance  
4       with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
5       standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
6       matters relating to human services, public health and appropriations,  
7       detailing options for lowering prescription drug prices for the state,  
8       businesses and consumers.

9       (b) Such report shall include: (1) A detailed description of the major  
10      strategies used in other states to lower drug prices and the effect of  
11      such strategies on health access, including, but not limited to,  
12      negotiation of supplemental Medicaid rebates, bulk purchasing of  
13      medications through multistate pools, accessing Medicaid rebates for  
14      consumers and pharmacies through federal Medicaid waivers,  
15      variations of pharmacy assistance programs and benefits offered,  
16      expansion of state and private consumer assistance and discount  
17      programs, strategies used to access federal pricing schedules and

18 expansion of programs established pursuant to 42 USC 256b and local  
 19 programs to provide discounts to groups of residents; (2) a cost-benefit  
 20 analysis and a feasibility analysis of establishing a multistate drug  
 21 purchasing pool or joining an existing multistate drug purchasing  
 22 pool; (3) recommendations for joining another state or existing multi-  
 23 state drug purchasing pool in pooling Medicaid drug purchasing to  
 24 realize the greatest cost savings for the state; (4) an analysis of the  
 25 feasibility of implementing strategies used by other states to lower  
 26 drug prices, as described pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection;  
 27 and (5) all other findings and recommendations that the commissioner  
 28 deems appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***HS***            *Joint Favorable*

***PH***            *Joint Favorable*